

## SOCIETY AT BENEFIT GIVEN BY RED CROSS

Brilliant Program Presented at Belasco by United Service Woman's Branch.

Washington society crowded the Belasco Theater to its best yesterday afternoon for a grand military benefit to be given by the United States Service Woman's Branch of the American Red Cross.

Artists from the San Carlo Grand Opera Company and vaudeville stars from B. F. Keith's Theater supplemented the efforts of local talent. Through the courtesy of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the Marine Band, conducted by Lieut. Santelmann, rendered a grand program.

The theater was patriotically decorated for the occasion, the corridor, stage, boxes and balconies being draped with American flags and the Red Cross banner. At various times, red, white, and blue paper streamers were thrown from the balconies over the heads of the audience. Boys dressed in sailor's uniforms and girl scouts served as ushers.

One of the features of the performance was an American fantasy tableau under direction of Mrs. R. D. Shepherd, for which number music was furnished by the Marine Band.

**Sing National Anthem.**

In this tableau Mrs. Logan Feland, as "America," sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The audience rose and sang the last verse with Mrs. Feland.

Mrs. George Barnett was Pocahontas; Mrs. Gladys Frouke-Smith, the Puritan Maid; and Capt. C. C. Calhoun, Powhatan. The "American America" was given by Mrs. McClellan Chase.

Representing the South, Mrs. Paul Anderson sang "Dixie." Miss Agnes Whelan represented the North. Mrs. Anna Brett Sumner posed as the West, singing "My Flag and Yours." Miss Edna Scott Smith as the East, sang "America." A chorus of more than 100 normal school girls participated in the tableau.

An American drama of the Revolutionary period by Alfred F. Hopkins, evoked much applause. Those who took part in a professional manner were Maurice Jarvis, Mrs. Maud Howell Smith, A. F. Hopkins, Morven Thompson, L. F. Berensford, and Scott Breckinridge.

Another feature was a tableau version by Mrs. Shepherd of "The Taming of the Shrew." The players were Miss Odette Tyler, R. D. McLean, Frank A. Steele and Claude Ives.

**Grand Opera Selections.**

Selections of grand opera were sung by Signor Giuseppe Battistini, Mme. Luisa d'Arcele, and Mme. Magdalena Correno, of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company. During intermission a number of paintings and posters were auctioned off for prices ranging from \$5 to \$25. They were the work of local artists and art students, principally from the Corcoran School of Art.

Among the box-holders were Mrs. Joseph Daniels, Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, Mrs. George Barnett, Admiral and Mrs. William S. Benson, Admiral and Mrs. Mayo, Admiral Coffman, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Christian Hauge, Mrs. Haines, wife of Admiral Hays, David Belasco, Mrs. John Miller Horton, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Newton Baker, and Mrs. Proctor.

**SELL APARTMENT HOUSE AND BRADFORD HOME**

John W. Thompson & Co., real estate brokers, 728 Fifteenth street, have sold for David A. Eber the five story elevator apartment house building at 184 Columbia road. The consideration is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The same firm has also sold for Nellie L. Bradford her residence at the corner of Wyoming avenue and Twentieth street, designed and built by the late Ben Bradford, at a consideration of \$25,000.

**EDUCATORS WILL URGE SIMPLIFIED SPELLING**

An effort to simplify the spelling of words in the English language will be made at the annual meeting of the Southern Conference for Education and Industry, to be held at Macon, Ga., next week.

The movement is in the direction of simplicity and to substitute for present spelling a simple and more regular style based on existing rules and in harmony with the history of the language. It is pointed out that the new movement, if adopted, will make it easier to spell correctly and save time in elementary education.

**NEW YORK HOTEL ARRIVALS.**

New York, March 16.—The following Washingtonians are registered at hotels here:

Marlborough—H. Brett; Brostell, R. A. Croston, F. J. F. Thell, J. L. Sherwood, Jr.; Continental, J. Donlin, B. Emmett, C. W. Stevenson; Navarre, Mrs. A. M. Elston, J. A. Elston, F. C. Luder, Jr.; A. Smith; Wallick, G. R. Holmes, W. H. McKeldin, H. S. Peaves; Marselles, J. P. Love; Breslin, S. P. Fowler; Grand, R. Waggoner; Herald Square, C. P. Peirce.

Continental—A. R. Elmore, K. Furey, Breslin—O. D. Grimes, G. L. Draeger, Navarre—F. R. Lublin, J. B. C. Dixon, Brostell—J. L. Sherwood, Jr., Grand—R. W. Spille, Empire—C. C. Bennett.

Flanders—C. Bloomquist, C. H. Saffell, Mrs. C. H. Saffell, Marlborough—T. H. Cox, J. P. Dodd, Mrs. J. P. Dodd.

Van Cortlandt—M. H. Cortlandt, Mrs. Martha Washington—Mrs. W. D. Sargent, Wallick—G. M. S. Tait.

**ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS.**

At a meeting of the Capital Beneficial Association, held last Thursday evening at their hall in the Perpetual Building, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frederick J. Rice, president; W. C. Smallwood, vice president; G. H. F. Davis, recording secretary; John May, treasurer; and Charles H. Ehrhardt, John Miller and Frank Rom, trustees. The installation of officers will take place April 8.

## COLLEGE PICKS LOCAL BOY.

Paul G. Woodward, at Boston Tech.

Paul G. Woodward, of 1782 Lanier place, who has been selected as one of the students in the new chemical engineering practice course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has left Stamford, Conn., for the plant of the Eastern Manufacturing Company, Bangor, Me.

This is in accordance with the plan of the course which seeks to give the seniors who have been selected to take it an opportunity to spend six weeks at each of six chemical stations which have been established with six prominent industrial plants in the country.

## TWO TRY FOR DEGREES AT GEORGE WASHINGTON

Thirty-first Doctorate Disputation to Be Held Monday.

The thirty-first doctorate disputation of the School of Graduate Studies of George Washington University will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Arts and Sciences Department administration building, 2033 G street northwest.

The candidates for the doctorate degree will be Harry Lawrence Cole, A. B., 1912, Bethany College, and Robert Waltham Gopher, S. B., 1897, S. M., 1899, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Mr. Cole's disputation will be on "The development of the Greek's conception of the absolute (God)." Dr. Edward Elliott, the university, will preside. The thesis will be presented before a board of experts composed of Frank W. Collier, S. T. P., director of research at American University, Rev. A. A. Stone, member of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, and Rev. H. W. O. Millington, D. D., pastor of Brookland Baptist Church.

The thesis of Mr. Gopher will be entitled "Farm Organization in the Irrigated Valleys of Southern Arizona." Prof. Robert Russ Kern, of the department of economics and sociology at the university, will preside. The disputation will be before a board of experts composed of Arthur Powell Davis, B. S., chief engineer of the United States Reclamation Service; R. H. Rawl, B. S., chief of the dairy division of the Department of Agriculture, and W. L. Spillman, B. S., M. S., D. Sc., chief of the office of farm management of the Department of Agriculture.

## Interesting Chats From Hotel Lobbies

Henry Pillon, of New Orleans, was a guest at the Raleigh yesterday and talked to a Washington Herald reporter about his city and business conditions there.

"New Orleans has become one of the boom towns of the country," said Mr. Pillon. "It is becoming more important each year as a port, and largely because of the increased shipping traffic through the Canal. The business of the fruit companies is increasing, and most of the fruit ships bring their cargoes to New Orleans. The river traffic is increasing enormously. We thought a few years ago that the river traffic was a thing of the past because so many ships were being sunk by snags, and because the water became so low at times. The snags of the river are being kept up so well now and such fine steel barges are being built that we are getting shipments from as far up as Minneapolis, and from Pittsburgh and Kansas City. We have just built one of the largest wheat elevators in the world."

"City Park was getting green as I left, and it is one of the most beautiful parks in the world. We have miles of canals and lagoons and many avenues of palms in the park. Many of the lagoons have swans on them, and canoes in the summer. The avenues of palms are being lengthened continually. We have a dancing pavilion there, built after an old Roman ruin, and called 'The Peristyle.' It is one of the most attractive things of the kind in the country. We admit that only one park in the country is on a par with City Park, and that is Belle Isle at Detroit."

"One of the things that has most puzzled me," yesterday said Frank J. Dickinson, an automobile salesman from Detroit, who is stopping at the Ebbitt, "is the way Sunday is observed through the country. Here in Washington the pictures and theaters are open all day Sunday, but the only cities in the far South that allow the pictures open on Sunday are New Orleans and Columbus, Ga. Most of the Southern cities, except New Orleans and Atlanta, do not even permit band concerts on Sunday. Even New York City does not permit the theaters to be open Sunday, except for musical comedies. In Pennsylvania a man is not even allowed to go fishing on Sunday. In Pittsburgh a man is bored to death on Sunday."

"But leave Pittsburgh and go anywhere West from the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line to 'Prisco and Sunday is the big day. I'm excepting several of the rural States of the Middle West. In Detroit we make Sunday the holiday in summer. Belle Isle, in the river, is open for visitors and thousands of them go there in boats and across the bridge in cars. There is dancing and music on all the boats. The pictures shows and most of the theaters in town are open. The restaurants just blaze all Sunday evening. At Belle Isle a band plays rag time all Sunday afternoon and men sing ragtime songs. There is dancing on all the boats and pavilions. Go across the line into Toronto and you find that even the restaurants are closed and the only place people can go is the Zoo. The Toronto postoffice is locked up from Saturday midnight to Sunday midnight."

**SEVENTH DEATH FROM EPIDEMIC**

Galesville, Wis., March 16.—Two more victims were added to the death list today, making a total of seven, and many others stricken among them a health officer, as the result of a great epidemic prevailing in this community.

## NAME PUBLICITY MEN FOR "VETS" REUNION

Committee on Confederate Gathering Opens Headquarters.

Headquarters for the publicity committee of the Confederate Reunion, to be held in Washington the week of June 4, were opened yesterday at 734 Fifteenth street northwest, in quarters supplied free of charge by the National Monthly, of which Frank B. Lord, one of the vice chairmen of the committee, is publisher.

Winfield Jones, president of the Federation of Veterans, and chairman of the publicity committee, yesterday announced additional members of the committee, which now includes practically every member of the Congressional Press Gallery and many other Washington newspaper men. The committee follows:

Chairman, Winfield Jones; vice chairman, Frank B. Lord; C. Fred Cook, William P. Spurgeon, C. V. Odell, M. H. McIntyre, Frederick W. Steckman; secretary, James D. Preston; assistant secretary, W. J. Donaldson.

Committees: A. E. Heiss, Frank W. Lewis, Robert J. Bender, Thomas R. Shipp, J. Fred Essary, George H. Manning, Robert T. Barry, H. C. Hallam, Fred A. Emery, John L. Eddy, Jesse S. Cottrell, Norborne Robinson, Lee Lamar Robinson, Donald McGregor, Gus J. Karger, George Garner, Earl Hamilton Smith, Leroy T. Vernon, Dudley Harmon, Carl Smith, Morton M. Milford, Reuben Fink, Clarence L. Lutz, L. Harper Leech, John Lorraine, Lewis Wood, Edwin Bradley Hard, Charles M. McCann, Oliver McKee, Jr., Foster Murray, Laurence Hills, Kemper F. Cowing, Elisha A. Hanson, George G. Hill, T. E. Spencer, William E. Brigham, John Edwin Nevin, L. M. Lam, John J. Marrinan, P. H. McGowan, Donald A. Craig, Leo R. Sack, Mark Foote, A. D. Jacobson, George F. Richards, John Boyle, Mrs. George F. Richards, Charles P. Keyser, W. W. Jermaine, Mark L. Goodwin, Charles S. Groves, Harry B. Gaus, Jerry A. Mathews, John V. Hanlon, Edward L. Conn, V. Gilmore Reid, Walter Gard, Charles P. Hunt, Bond P. Geddes, Everett L. Bradley, John Crown, Louis Frank Insko Whitehead, Theodor Tiller, John P. Welcker, Charles E.

Kern, Frank P. Morse, H. E. C. Bryant, E. Jesse Conway, Guy Mason, Parker R. Anderson, Wingrove Bathon, Joseph P. Annin, Louis McMahon, L. S. Gottlieb, Labret St. Clair, J. Walter Mitchell, E. C. R. Humphries, G. Gould Lincoln, Arthur W. Dunn, George Gall, Hugh McIsaac, John B. Smallwood, J. D. Neel, Theodore Harris, E. B. Johns, J. S. Price, S. erios Nicholson, G. W. Combs, Peter Knorr, Henry Swinehart, Harry Colman, Edgar C. Snyder, Mollie J. Murphy, Charles A. Cottrell, Louis Garthe, Ashmun N. Brown, Paul Moore, William W. Price, Clifford K. Berryman, Stanley Reynolds, Joseph Breckons, Earl Godwin, Paul Wootton, E. B. Farris, E. R. Sartwell, C. S. N. Godwin, Robert B. Smith, William D. Hassett, Jesse I. Suter, Ralph Smith, John Corrikan, Robert M. Gates, Ernest G. Walker, Gen. H. Oden Lake.

## NO ARGUMENTS HERE; MAN HAD WOODEN WIFE

Story Must Be True, for Philologist Says So.

Have you heard the story of the Indian and his wooden wife? It is a story from mythology—the mythology of the American Indians—and Dr. Franz Boas, honorary philologist of the Bureau of American Ethnology, has obtained it direct from some grizzled old Indians in the west and published it in the annual report of the Bureau.

It seems that way back in the twilight there was a certain Indian hunter, who was an expert wood-worker. The Indian had a beautiful young wife who was adept in weaving blankets for the dances of the day. She died while they were on a hunting trip and her husband carved an image of his wife out of red cedar and put a partly finished dancing garment in front of her, and worshiped the image. He even contrived to make the head of the image turn toward him as he opened his cabin door when he returned from his hunting trips.

Two runaway Indian maidens came to the cabin one day in the absence of the hunter and after much wondering they discovered that the figure was only of wood. Suddenly they heard the hunter returning and hid themselves in a corner, to see what would happen. The hunter embraced his wife as he entered; the maidens giggled and the hunter discovered them.

The maidens stayed for breakfast, the hunter fell in love with the younger one and they were married and lived happily ever after.

**LEASES STABLE TO GUARD.**

John W. Thompson & Co., Inc., real estate brokers, 728 Fifteenth street northwest, have recently leased to the National Guard of the District of Columbia the old herdic cab stable at Nineteenth and E streets northwest, which is being used as stable for the mounted organizations of the District of Columbia Guard and warehouse for the escort wagons and equipment until such a time as their proposed new armory will be built.

## PLAN WAR ON FLY.

Swat Him Before He Swats You, is Slogan of Health Officials.

The Health Department has declared war on all flies, big and little. No quarter will be given and no mercy shown to prisoners of war. Already a campaign has been mapped out. Dr. John L. Norris, assistant health officer, is in charge. He is not going to wait until the fly comes out of his winter quarters, he's going after him now.

It is hard to tell just where else a fly has been, when you discover him crawling on your food or on the baby's mouth. Swat him now and put out of commission innumerable germs of such diseases as infantile paralysis, typhoid and malaria, urges the Health Department.

**CITY NOT FOR GARDENS, FARM EXPERTS DECLARE**

Fine for Kids, but Not for Vegetables. They Say.

"What can I raise on a plot 6 by 8 feet?" Hundreds of letters containing questions like this are pouring into the Department of Agriculture now that the garden season is here.

Of course when amateurs fondly plan successful gardens they have a few shocks coming.

In the first place, a garden must get five hours of sunlight if vegetables are to grow.

In the second place, a garden must be well fertilized and must have a rich top soil—and mighty few city plots have it.

The department officials are taking great pains to explain that they are not encouraging amateurs to start gardens on hard-clay city plots, but that if amateurs want to start gardens the department will give them every aid.

"City gardens are fine to raise kids in," said one of the experts yesterday, "but mightily poor to raise vegetables in."

Tobacco in Cuba is one of the most rapid growing of all forms of plant life on the island, it being planted, grown and gathered within ninety days.

## CITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO BISHOP RUSSELL

Testimonial to Prelate to Be Held at Poli's Tomorrow.

Bishop Wm. T. Russell, former rector of St. Patrick's Church, will be signally honored by the citizens of Washington at a testimonial meeting to be held at Poli's Theater tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large committee of prominent citizens of every affiliation will participate in a public testimonial meeting, at which time five representative citizens, representing diplomatic, official, religious and civic life of Washington will testify to an appreciation of Bishop Russell's citizenship.

Judge Martin A. Knapp will preside. The list of speakers will include Senator Don Ignacio Calderon, minister from Bolivia; Senator Joseph H. Ransdell, of Louisiana; Rev. Dr. John Van Schalk, Jr.; Dr. Hannis Taylor, and Bishop Thomas Shahan, of the Catholic University, of which Bishop Russell is an alumnus.

An attractive musical program will be rendered, beginning with a concert at 2:30 o'clock by the Nordic Mandolin and Guitars Club, under the direction of Walter T. Holt. Miss Jennie Glennan will direct the vocal numbers.

The doors of Poli's Theater will be opened at 2:30 o'clock. The ushers for the meeting will be the members of Company A of the St. John's College Cadet Battalion.

Wm. F. Gude and Frederick D. Owen, members of the citizens committee of arrangements, have arranged for a patriotic decoration of the interior of Poli's Theater for the meeting Sunday afternoon.

**FUNERALS.**

Funeral services for Rear Admiral Vincendon L. Cottman, U. S. N., retired, who died at the home of his brother-in-law, Capt. Emil Theiss, U. S. N., 174 Q street northwest, Thursday, will be held at the residence today at 2 o'clock. Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will officiate. Interment will be in Arlington.

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